

City of Newport Beach

Coastal/Bay Water Quality Citizens Advisory Committee Minutes

Date: April 12, 2012
Time: 3:00 p.m.
Location: Fire Conference Room

1. Welcome/Self Introductions

Committee Members present:

Chairwoman/Mayor Nancy Gardner
Dennis Baker
Tom Houston
Jim Miller
Randy Seton

Guests present:

George Drayton
Jim Mosher
Dan Purcell
Pamela Berstler, G3 Green Gardens Group
Paul Herzog, Surfrider Foundation
Katie Klein, Surfrider Foundation

Staff present:

Shane Burckle, Water Conservation Coordinator
Shari Rooks, Public Works Specialist
Bob Stein, Assistant City Engineer

2. Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes

The minutes from the March 8, 2012 were approved.

3. Old Business

(a) Bay and Ocean Bacteriological Test Results

Shane Burckle reviewed recent water quality test results within Newport Bay and along the ocean shoreline.

4. New Business

(a) Paul Herzog, from Surfrider Foundation and **Pamela Berstler**, from Green Gardens Group gave a presentation on their **Ocean Friendly Gardens Program**. (See attached PowerPoint Presentation.)

- Surfrider Foundation has been working for cleaner coasts and oceans for 28 years and got involved with the Green Gardens Program in an effort to attain zero runoff into the ocean.
- Watershed Restoration – CPR for landscape involves Concentration, Permeability and Retention – **Slow it, Spread it, Sink it**.
- Santa Monica has a new program called “Retrofit on Resale” and requires a new owner to retrofit the property and be responsible for capturing the “first flush.”
- Ocean Friendly Gardens Program was officially created 3 years ago. Activities include a Neighborhood Lawn Patrol; a Watershed Basics Class; Hands-On Workshops (HOWS) and a Garden Assistance Party.

- Ocean Friendly Garden signs can be applied for online at www.oceanfriendlygardens.org (See attached sign criteria).
- **Tom Houston** suggested Surfrider might approach the IRWD for funds or cooperation.

ACTION: **Mayor Gardner** asked the Chapter to come up with a plan to propose to the City.

(b) Bob Stein, Assistant City Engineer presented an update on the Lower Buck Gully Project. (See attached PowerPoint presentation).

- Newport Coast was incorporated into the City in 2002 and since then we've instituted a number of mitigation and restoration projects of which Buck Gully is the largest and most ambitious to date. (Less than \$1.2 Million)
- In 2004 City Council decided to fix Morning Canyon by installing gabion structures.
- The second gabion-type project at 5th & Poppy started in 2006 with the restoration of the Arizona crossing at Buck Creek.
- A subterranean filter was installed to collect selenium and is the first filter of this type in Southern California – it is a passive filter and will not require maintenance.
- **Randy Seton** asked if this type of filter was successful in Buck Gully could it work in Big Canyon to collect selenium.
- The "Swamp" at Crystal Cove is another restoration project.
- The Upper Buck Gully Trail bridges are being installed and the trail should be open in the next few weeks.

5. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

- **Jim Mosher** noted he did not see the CBWQ meeting on the City's homepage. Staff verified that although the meeting did appear on the April Calendar on the homepage it was not specifically listed under the homepage's heading of "Meetings and Events" - steps will be taken in the future to have it appear there also.
- **Mayor Gardner** announced the First Mayor's Walk will take place on Saturday, the 19th of May at 9:00 AM. It will begin at 5th Avenue, on to Buck Gully, walk along Big Corona and end up at the OASIS .

6. Topics for Future Agendas

- (a) Bacteriological Dry-Weather Runoff Gutter Study (Phase III)
- (b) Prop 84 ASBS Grant Program
- (c) Big Canyon Project
- (d) Coastal Dolphin Research Program
- (e) Rhine Channel Project Wrap Up
- (f) Newport Bay Sediment TMDL Update
- (g) Balboa Island Seawall Update
- (h) Copper Contamination in Marinas
- (i) Runoff Reduction Program – ET Controller Project Update
- (j) Senate Bill – SB 1447

Set Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date was set for May10, 2012, at 3 PM in the Fire Conference Room.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Chairwoman / Nancy Gardner